GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Students Teacher Ratio
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such primary and middle schools in various States of the country where number of teachers is more than that of students;
(b) whether the Government has fixed any ideal ratio of the students and the teachers and if so the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government coordinates with the State Governments or makes any intervention in case any deficiency is observed in the said ideal ratio; and
(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a): There are 2130 primary and 4830 upper primary Government schools where the number of teachers is more than that of students.
(b): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides norms and standards for student teacher ratio across the country in its schedule as per which for classes I to V in cases upto 60 students, 2 teachers are to be provided; between 61 to 90 students, 3 teachers are to be provided; between 91-to 120 students, 4 teachers are to be provided; between 121 to 200 students, 5 teachers to be provided; above 150 students, 5 teachers plus 1 Head teacher are to be provided and above 200 children, Pupil Teacher Ratio (excluding the Head teacher) should not exceed forty.
For classes VI to VIII, at least one teacher per class is to be provided so that there shall be at least one teacher each for Science and Mathematics, Social Studies and Languages, at least one teacher for every thirty-five children and where admission of children is above one hundred, there shall be a full time head −teacher and part time instructors each for Art Education, Health and Physical Education and Work Education.
The Pupil teacher Ratio (PTR) for primary schools in the country is 29:1 and for upper primary schools the figure is 26:1 as per Unified District Information System of Education (UDISE) 2014-15.
State-wise details of PTR in Government elementary schools are annexed.
(c) & (d): The issue of teacher recruitment and teacher redeployment is in the domain of State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. Central Government regularly takes up these issues with the State Government/UTs including the State Government of Maharashtra, in various fora like review meetings, State Education Secretaries Conference and Joint Review Missions.
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